

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE, REGION 1**  
**And**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION**  
**And**  
**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated effort for Best Value Administration. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated in accordance with the **Montana and Idaho Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements**.

Incident Name: **NORTHERN ROCKIES EQUIPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

Cost Share Period: 2007 Fire Season

Jurisdictions: Idaho Department of Lands, USDA Forest Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources, DOI Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Incident Numbers by Agency:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Accounting Code</u>
Forest Service	P1CXN7/0156
DNRC	71079

Cost Share Period: 2007 Fire Season

Agency representatives participating in the development of this cost share agreement:

Forest Service –	DNRC –
Name: Tim Murphy	Name: Ted Mead
Title: NRCG Contractor Liaison	Title: Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief
Name: Jane Haker	Name: Pam Okon
Title: Incident Administration Coordinator	Title: Fire Fiscal Officer
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	Name: Brian Shiplett
	Title: Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief
	Name: Jim Newton
	Title: Fire Business Manager

This cost share agreement was prepared under the following guidelines:

- 1) In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, 05-FI-11015600-014, executed between Montana DNRC and the Forest Service.
- 2) In accordance with the Idaho Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, FS 07-FI-11015600-087, executed between Idaho Department of Lands and the Forest Service.

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- 3) Per the Montana Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs. Federal agencies do not exchange funds.

In accordance with the concurrence of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group's Board of Directors, it is hereby agreed that cost sharing on this agreement will be based on the following percentages:

Forest Service – 45%  
Montana DNRC – 30%  
Idaho Department of Lands – 10%  
Bureau of Land Management – 5%  
Bureau of Indian Affairs – 10%

**Rationale for cost share:**

1. All NRCG agencies benefited from the administration of best value agreements during the 2007 fire season. These agreements include engines, water tenders, soft tracks, skidgines, pumper cats and potable water tenders. The estimated share of use of these resources is noted above as percentages of use by the NRCG member agencies.
2. Best Value Administration included field audits during the summer for non-budgeted time and travel of the Forest Service Fire Contracting Officer; NRCG Contractor Liaison and Forest Service Regional Equipment Inspector; temporary employee input of performance evaluations into the Equipment and Training Inventory System (EATIS) and summaries of resource utilization from the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS).

This Agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

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Director Fire Aviation and Air

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George Weldon

Date: 9/24-07

Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation  
Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief

Signature: Ted Mead  
Ted Mead

Date: 9/30/07

Agency: Idaho Department of Lands  
Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief

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